

WHEREAS, The Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission has recently taken under consideration the erection of a memorial to the Reverend Abram Joseph Ryan; and

WHEREAS, Evidence has recently been presented to the Washington County Historical Association that Father Ryan was a native of Hagerstown, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, The said Father Ryan (1838-1886) has been memorialized in nine states and eleven cities for his poetry and his service as a chaplain to the Confederacy during the War Between the States and for his devotion to the nation after the conflict; and

WHEREAS, The said Father Ryan has achieved a prominent place in American letters as a Maryland poet of rare ability and lyrical charm; and

WHEREAS, The unique combination of spiritual and melancholic elements produced poems well beloved by both Southerners and Northerners alike so much so that Father Ryan has been named the "Tom Moore of Dixie"; and

WHEREAS, Such poems as *The Conquered Banner*, *The Sword of Lee* and *The Lost Cause* bespeak the universal sentiments of all who participated in the War Between the States; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it urge the Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission to consider the erection of a suitable monument to honor the Reverend Abram Joseph Ryan in Hagerstown, the city of his birth; and be it further

*Resolved*, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Maryland Civil War Centennial Commission.

Approved March 11, 1959

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NO. 6

(Senate Joint Resolution 7)

Senate Joint Resolution urging the enactment of appropriate legislation by the Congress of the United States to amend the Military Pay Act of 1958 to equalize the retirement pay of members of the Armed Forces of the United States.

WHEREAS, There is now pending before the 86th Congress of the United States legislation, including S. 269, S. 541 and H. R. 703, to equalize the pay of retired members of the uniformed services who receive their retired pay under the provisions of the Career Compensation Act of 1949; and

WHEREAS, The Military Pay Act of 1958, Public Law 85-422, failed to provide for the computation of the retired pay of such members of the uniformed services, retired prior to June 1, 1958,

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.